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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 78-49

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 3028

CHAPTER 463 OF THE STATUTES OF 1978

REFERENCE:

Background

Assembly Bill 3028 (Agnos) became effective July 18, 1978, and included an implementation date of November 1, 1978. The bill provides that the In-Home Supportive Services (IRSS) recipient is the employer of individual providers for purposes of unemployment and disability insurance and workers' compensation. The bill states that the Department of Social Services will assure the performance of IRSS recipients as employers with regard to such benefits. An appropriation of \$13 million was included for the payment of benefits and the cost of administering the provisions of AF 3028.

AB 3028 Implementation

To comply with the mandates of AB 3028, the Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposal DSS-78-001 to set up and maintain a statewide payrolling system. County Welfare Departments were given the option of submitting proposals to do their own payrolling provided all requirements in the RFP were met, the implementation date was acceptable, and the unit cost of county payrolling was the same or less than that of the statewide payrolling agent.

Interim Policy

The requirements for competitively bidding the statewide payrolling system will not allow for implementation by November 1, 1978. Therefore, counties should continue their present methods of payrolling IHSS individual providers until notified by this Department of specific guidelines for phasing in to the new statewide system. We anticipate implementation of the statewide system in January 1979, although this is not yet firm.

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